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2. Applicant is the owner of all rights in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937. Applicant certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937 by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application, the assignment recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012236, Frame 0726.
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6. Applicant is the owner of all rights in U.S. Patent No. 6,591,907. Applicant certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,591,907 by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application, the assignment recorded with the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 012233, Frame 0196.

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23. In making the above disclaimer, Applicant does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the captioned patent application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173 of a patent granted on U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/840,937; 09/841,195; 09/841,308; 09/841,439; 09/841,300; 09/841,490; or 09/841,283, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that the patent granted on U.S. Patent Application No. 09/840,937; 09/841,195; 09/841,308; 09/841,439; 09/841,300; 09/841,490; or 09/841,283 later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

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26. A fee authorization for the required fee is attached.

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